

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On page 1, above line 1, insert—Priority Claim

The present application claims priority of European Patent Application No. 03077159.6 filed 09 July 2003 and European Patent Application No.04101507.4 filed 14 April 2004.--

On page 1, above line 1, insert—Field of the Invention--

On page 1, above line 6, insert--Background of the Invention--

On page 1, above line 13, insert—Summary of the Invention—

On page 4 , above line 20, insert—Brief Description of the Drawings--

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Paragraph on line 20 of page 4 has been amended as follows:

—The invention will now be illustrated by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawing wherein

Fig. 1. schematically shows a cross section of part of a tool for excavating an object;

Fig. 2 schematically shows a surface map of a magnet surface arrangement in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 3 (parts a to c) shows photographs of a tool as shown in Fig. 1 having an increasing amount of steel shot retained on its support surface;

Fig. 4 (parts a to c) schematically shows various alternative magnet surface arrangements in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 5 shows a calculation of the magnetic field on the support surface as a function of axial distance along the magnetic axis;

Fig. 6 schematically shows an embodiment having a conical separator magnet and a conical support surface;

Fig. 7 (parts a to c) schematically shows a magnet arrangement provided with helical grooves;